

WEAVER'S LAUNDRY ALMOST TOTAL LOSS

WILL BE REPLACED AT THE
EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME.

Sherman Weaver Places Loss at
About \$3,500, With Only One
Thousand Insurance.

The loss by fire of the Gainesville Steam Laundry at an early hour Sunday morning proved to be a serious one, the owner Sherman Weaver, stating that it would reach fully \$3,500, with only a small insurance of \$1,000.

Nothing definite is known as to how the building became ignited, but it is the general belief that it was the work of incendiaries, judging from the manner in which it was burned. At the time the fire department was called out the building was a complete mass of flames and the high class of work performed by the men was something remarkable, for the entire shell of the building was saved. This will have to be torn down, however, as it cannot be repaired, the building now being within the fire limits and will have to be replaced with brick.

Mr. Weaver has made all necessary arrangements to continue his business and at once wired the Ocala Steam Laundry of his condition and asked that they get out his work for him, which was agreed to, and he states that his patrons will not be inconvenienced in any way.

He also states that he will at once commence arrangements for another building and will order the necessary machinery to begin operations within the next sixty days.

The entire machinery on the interior of the building is a total loss and can only be used for scrap-iron, about the only part of the entire plant that can be used again being the boiler, which is practically uninjured.

There had been no fire in the building of about the place since shortly before noon on Saturday, and this is stronger evidence to those interested that the building was set on fire.

Torturing eczema spreads its burning area every day. Doan's Ointment quickly stops its spreading, instantly relieves the itching, cures it permanently. At any drug store.

GAINESVILLE HARDWARE CO.

Full line of Palmer
Hammocks just received—\$1, \$1.50,
\$2.50, \$4, \$5, \$6.

General Agents for
F. W. Devoe's Paint
—wears longer, goes
farther, spreads easier
than any other paint
on the market today.

See our show window
display of Draper &
Maynard Base Ball
Goods.

GAINESVILLE HARDWARE CO.

REV. ROGERS RESIGNS CHURCH PASTORATE

ASSUMES OFFICE OF SECRETARY
OF STATE BOARD MISSIONS.

Will Continue His Residence in
Gainesville and Fill Pulpit the
Remainder of This Month.

Sunday night's services at the First Baptist church were attended with a degree of deep sadness that not only affects those of the Baptist church here, but the entire city, for at the close of the service and after a successful pastorate covering a number of years, Rev. S. B. Rogers tendered his resignation.

His action in this matter was made necessary on account of his election to fill the unexpired term of the late Rev. L. D. Geiger as secretary of the State Board of Missions of Florida. The resignation did not come as a surprise altogether as it was learned several days ago that he had been elected to succeed Rev. Geiger, but it is considered a misfortune to the church and the city at large to lose such a faithful, earnest and tireless worker. Under his guidance the church has grown and prospered and it is with the most profound regret that his people accept his decision.

As a preacher of the gospel he has few equals and as a Christian he has none. Much of his time was given to charitable work and many times since his coming to Gainesville through his kind attention and helpful ministrations the needy and depressed have been made to feel that life is worth the battle and that all is not vanity and selfishness. His pulpit will be hard to fill and his place as a citizen still more difficult. He will endeavor to conduct the services for the remainder of the month at the church on Sundays.

It is a pleasure to know, however, that the new position will not require the removal of his estimable family from this city for some time, and it is further hoped that arrangements will be made whereby his permanent home will be located in Gainesville.

Following is a copy of the resignation as read to the church at the meeting on Sunday evening:

"To the First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Fla.: My Dear People—Whereas, in the providence of God, our very worthy secretary and treasurer of the Florida Baptist State Board of Missions, Rev. L. D. Geiger, has been called from his labors on earth to his reward in heaven, and

"Whereas, The State Board of Missions, after a careful and prayerful survey of the field, have decided in their good judgment that it is conducive to the best interests of Florida Baptists for me to take up the work, and

"Whereas, in their meeting for the express purpose of selecting his successor, they have unanimously chosen your pastor to fill his unexpired term, therefore it seems to be the leading of the divine hand that I should accede to the request of our board, it becomes my painful but imperative duty to tender you my resignation as pastor, which I trust you will accept in the same loving and fraternal spirit in which it is tendered.

"Assuring you that my relationship with you has ever been pleasant and happy, that I deeply and fully appreciate every act of courtesy and kindness shown either to me or my family, and that though we part as pastor and people, I shall love you none the less. Your troubles shall be my sorrows, your successes and joys my pleasures.

"Ever praying God's richest blessings upon you in all your work,

"Very truly yours,
"S. B. ROGERS
"Gainesville, Fla., May 2, 1909."

Best for Biscuits.
A prominent teacher in one of the Deacon's Science schools in Mississippi writes that she is using Cottolene in her lessons with excellent results. She says: "For biscuits Cottolene is all that could be desired. The biscuits are light and flaky with none of that disagreeable color often found in foods shortened with lard. Cottolene is also an excellent medium for frying croquettes and doughnuts. It gives them a clean, crisp, brown crust."

Other noted experts, such as Mrs. Rorer and Marion Harland, have given similar testimony to the merits of Cottolene. It is a cooking fat made from the finest vegetable oils; it gives better results than lard, and it is much more wholesome and economical as well.

FREE DEMONSTRATION

Free Cooking Lesson

At the Popular Dry Goods and Millinery Store of

The G. W. Hyde Company

GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

—Commencing May 3rd and Continuing May 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th—

GIVEN BY

THE SOUTHERN COTTON OIL COMPANY

Of Savannah, New York, New Orleans

SHOWING what can be done with their **Snow Drift Hogless Lard and Wesson's Cooking Oil** in the making of cakes, cookies, pastries, etc., and all kinds of frying and making of mayonnaise salad dressing, which means the saving of butter, lard and olive oil. Our products are purely vegetable, odorless and tasteless and healthful, United States inspected and passed under the Act of Congress June 30, 1906.

Our famous experts, the Misses DeLettre, will conduct the demonstration and will serve free cakes and cookies of every description, and will explain the uses—what our product will do. Also giving Free Cook Book.

We have won gold medals and diplomas from the Jamestown Exposition and Florida State Fair at Tampa. Also from the leading fairs held all over the United States for the purity and excellence of our goods. Indigestion and dyspepsia are done away with by using

Snow Drift Hogless Lard and Wesson's Cooking Oil

Costs Less and Does More than any other Lard or Butter

The Ladies of Gainesville and Vicinity Cordially Invited

NEW BAIRD THEATRE

LOUIS KALB, FIELD, Lessee and Mgr.

Wednesday, May 5

GAINESVILLE AMATEUR VAUDEVILLE

This will be something entirely new in Gainesville. Eight Big Vaudeville Acts, consisting of Acrobatic Work, Irish and Black-Face Monologues, Funny Musical Acts, Dancing, Solo and Quartette Singing, a One-Act Farce and a One-Act Drama. DON'T MISS IT—IT WILL BE GOOD! Admission 25 and 50c. Remember the date. Benefit University Athletic Club.

Crew Near Ocala.

The two A. C. L. working crew engaged in relaying the new 70-pound steel rail from this city south have now reached a distance of about two miles north of Ocala and they will enter that city the present week. When the entire roadway is completed it will enable the management to put any kind of trains on this division that are run in this part of the country, as they will have the roadbed and the rail to stand the extra work.

Woman's Home Mission Society.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist church will be held in the lecture-room of the church this (Tuesday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. All members are asked to be present and visitors are cordially welcomed.

MRS. LEGRANDE, Sec'y.

Your Opportunity!

Save part of your income regularly and deposit your savings in this strong bank—one of the great financial institutions of Florida. Your money will be earning 4 per cent interest for you—working while you work, but also while you rest.

THE DUTTON BANK

SAVINGS DEPARTMENT

We Are Taking the Liberty

Of reminding you once more that your property should not be left unprotected by insurance. You may thank



us some day for this "tip," and it may be sooner than you have any idea of. The man who has his home or property insured can lay his head down in peace when he retires for the night when it is in one of the best companies.

A. M. CUSHMAN, Agent, Gainesville, Florida